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Washington, D. C. 20530

Executive Registry
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Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Dear Bill:

Re: Dissemination of Intelligence Information
Between the Department of Justice and the
Federal Bureau of Investigation

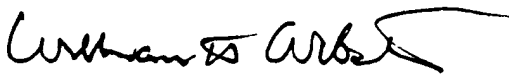
In the course of the Department of Justice's enforcement of the federal criminal laws pertaining to international terrorism, as well as in other areas, the Department and the FBI receive originator controlled (ORCON) intelligence information from members of the intelligence community. In the past there has been some confusion concerning whether the Department and the FBI can disseminate such information to each other without first obtaining the consent of the originating agency.


The purpose of this letter is to clarify for the intelligence community the fact that the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are the same agency for purposes of the so-called "third agency rule," and that consequently, dissemination of ORCON information between Justice and the FBI is not a violation of that rule. We are confident that this clarification will result in the more expeditious utilization of the information provided to the Department of Justice and the FBI by members of the intelligence community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With best wishes,


Sincerely,


WILLIAM H. WEBSTER
Director, FBI


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Attorney General

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Executive Secretary

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